

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

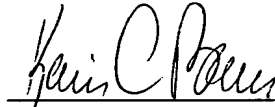
Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

Claims 213-232 are pending herein. Claims 1-212 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 213-232 have been added hereby. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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